

HOUSE RESOLUTION 244

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Nathan Johnson of Briarcrest Christian School upon being named a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Johnson of Memphis is one such exceptional student who has been named a National Merit finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program; of more than 15,000 semifinalists, some 8,200 have been chosen as finalists, making them eligible to receive university Merit Scholarship awards; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Nathan Johnson has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; he has many times been recognized for his participation in academic competitions, including the Wordsmith Writing Competition, Rhodes College Regional Math Competition, and Mu Alpha Theta Regional Math Competition; he is a National Spanish Exam School Top Scorer, a National Chemistry Exam Top 20, and was awarded the National Latin Exam Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Briarcrest Christian School, Mr. Johnson has earned an exemplary grade point average. His display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at the college of his choice; he will attend either Washington University in St. Louis, Yale, Duke, Vanderbilt, or the College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career he has performed laudably in numerous service organizations and school activities, including serving as President of the History Club, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and Treasurer of the Latin Club; he is an

active member of the National Latin Honor Society, the Knowledge Bowl team, Mu Alpha Theta, Government Club, and Bridge Builders, and he plays recreational soccer; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Johnson is a member of East Win Christian Church, where he is active in the youth group and the youth worship band; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Johnson's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, as well as for his school and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Nathan Johnson of Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis on his impressive academic achievements and upon being named a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.